



# TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH Trails Sub-Committee

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## Town of Northborough-Trails Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes for April 20, 2010

Present: Charlie Bradley, George Curtis, Sherral Devine, Nancy Kellner, Forest Lyford, Bob Mihalek, Matt Scott and Marielle Stone

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm and the minutes of the March 15, 2010 meeting were approved.

### Trail Steward Reports

- a) Mt. Pisgah-Charlie did some maintenance work, primarily creating water bars and raking out some areas affected by heavier use. There are still some muddy areas, but overall in good shape. Marielle noted that there should be a bridge across Howard Brook. Charlie took photos that he will submit to ConCom in a proposal to install bridge and reroute several muddy sections of trail.
- b) Cold Harbor-Bob reported trail in great shape. Some downed trees had been cleaned out, likely by DCR. Some planks may have shifted; need to be anchored with rebar.
- c) Jubilee-Forest reported trail in good shape, little storm runoff, and no damage.
- d) Edmund Hill-Forest noted significant runoff; trails off summit carrying water. Not too much damage present, but would benefit from water bars, maybe a Scout service project could address this issue.
- e) Yellick and SuAsCo (Coyote/Bird Song/Old Farm)-Based on Sherral's and Nancy's report and Lana's photos, it was noted that bridges have shifted, but trails are otherwise okay. Bob suggested the possibility of a work party this weekend to relocate bridges. The committee also expressed concern about the planks on the Tall Grass Trail. It was agreed to pull them out and make that a seasonal trail. (Eagle Scout Harry Silverstein may incorporate some work on these trails as part of his project.)
- f) Stirrup Brook-No steward report, but others noted that the trail is okay.
- g) Watson Park-No steward report, but posted photos indicate that trail is okay.
- h) Cedar Hill/Little Chauncey-Bob reported Sawink in good shape; Marielle reported that rotten planks on Little Chauncey need to be replaced with some new areas requiring planks as well. Cattle crossing needs to be cleaned up. Talbot muddy but accessible, with some erosion near the Cole Trail. Water bars could help here.

### Old/New Business

- Eagle Scout Project--Chapin Canal Public Access at Yellick

- DCR has approved this project. Marielle and Forest plan to walk the route with a member of the historical commission some time this week; will send email to committee members as all are welcome to join them
- Eagle Scout Project–Nature’s Classroom at Algonquin (Stirrup Brook Trail)
  - Awaiting School Committee approval.
- Website update–the tech transfer between Josh and Jim is still “underway”. Several other approaches were discussed including getting a copy of the site to Jim from David Kane. Matt volunteered to be involved in website maintenance as well. It was also noted that Debbie Grampietro can make site updates. Some of the website issues (mislabeled photos, outdated maps, dead links) were discussed.
- Forest asked about a kiosk at the Senior Center. He volunteered to contact Kathy Joubert for appropriate permissions.
- Forest is scheduled to deliver a talk about the Geology of Northborough on Friday April 23 at 7:30 at the Historical Society.

Next Meeting is Monday May 17, 2010.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Kellner, Secretary